

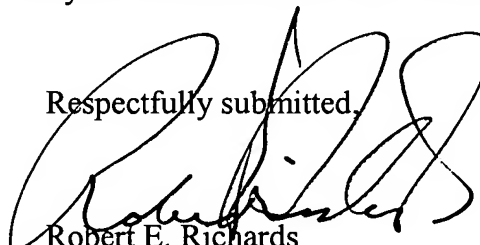
**REMARKS**

The foregoing is submitted as a Preliminary Amendment to a divisional application of U.S. Application No. 09/579,294. By these amendments, the specification is conformed to the amended specification in the parent application, the Title and the Abstract of the Disclosure are conformed to Claim 4, which is to the invention not elected in the parent application, and Claims 1-3 are canceled. The Applicants are also adding to the specification a cross-reference to related applications.

A check is enclosed in the amount of \$385.00, for the filing fee. No additional fees are believed due; however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 11-0855.

Applicants respectfully request entry and consideration of the amendments.

Respectfully submitted,

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